



Virginia Green Historic Sites



Virginia Governor's Mansion - Richmond, VA

Richmond, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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Virginia's Executive Mansion is home to Virginia's governors since 1813 and is the oldest governor's residence in the country still used for its original purpose.

Purchase locally produced products & supplies, purchase organic foods, and educate customers about efforts to reduce our environmental impacts.

For more 'green' specific information : www.executivemansion.virginia.gov/

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Recycle.

- Glass bottles
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Newspapers
- Office paper
- Printer/copy machine toner cartridges
- Batteries (may be required by law for NiCad and Lead-Acid)
- Electronics equipment - computers, etc. (may be required law)

Minimize the use of disposable food service products.

- Use disposable food service items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials
- Use disposable food service items that are made with recycled content
- Use compostable food service items and direct this material to available composting operations in your area

Reduce solid waste.

- Recycle fryer grease
- Compost food waste and other biodegradable items
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste

Dining room (or during meetings/events)

- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Buildings and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

Use water efficiently.

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - High efficiency dishwashers
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have an effective landscape management plan that includes one or more of the following:
 - Utilizes native species

Conserve energy.

- Track overall energy bills (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings / conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally - Responsible Conferences and Events)
- Other activity: Compostable Servewear

For more information on **Virginia Governor's Mansion - Richmond, VA**, see www.executivemansion.virginia.gov or contact Kaci M. Easley at kaci.easley@governor.virginia.gov or 804-371-2642.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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